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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending in the subject application. By this amendment, applicants have canceled claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer, and added new claims 19-34. Accordingly, upon entry of this amendment, new claims 19-34 will be pending and under examination.

Applicants maintain that the amendments to the claims do not raise an issue of new matter. Support for new claims 19-22 can be found *inter alia* in the specification as originally filed on page 6, lines 23-26; page 7, lines 1-3; and page 10, line 27 through page 14, line 14; and in original claims 4-6. Support for new claims 23-34 can be found *inter alia* in the specification as originally filed on page 19, lines 18-19; page 21, lines 16-26; and page 22, lines 13-17; and in original claims 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, and 18.

The specification has been amended to recite the continuing data for the subject application. Applicants maintain that the amendment to the specification does not raise an issue of new matter.

Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the references that are listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A-B (3 pages). A copy of reference U.S. Patent No. 6,185,548 B1 is attached hereto. The remaining references were previously submitted to or cited by the Patent Office during the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/711,625, from which the subject application claims the benefit of its filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of previously cited or submitted references are not included with this Information Disclosure Statement.

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CONCLUSIONS

A check for \$428.00 is enclosed for a small entity to cover the \$385.00 basic filing fee and the \$43.00 fee for one independent claim in excess of three independent claims. No other fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this application and the submission of this Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785. Overcharges may also be credited to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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